

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for removing hair comprising:

- (i) applying to an area of skin from which hair is to be removed a skin pretreatment composition that comprises a-from 90 to 100% of lipophilic material materials by weight of the pretreatment composition; and
- (ii) applying onto the pretreated area of skin a depilatory composition comprising a keratin degrading agent in an effective amount to chemically react with hair to allow removal.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1 wherein the lipophilic material is materials are selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, natural or synthetic esters, silicones and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the lipophilic material is mineral oil.

Claim 4 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the keratin degrading agent is a thioglycolate salt.

Claim 5 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the skin pretreatment composition is applied for at least about one minute prior to application of the depilatory composition.

Claim 6 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the skin pretreatment composition is applied for at least five minutes prior to applying the depilatory composition.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A kit for removal of hair from an area of skin comprising:

- (a) a skin pretreatment product comprising:
 - (i) a skin pretreatment composition that comprises a from 90 to 100% of lipophilic-material materials by weight of the pretreatment composition; and
 - (ii) a carrier for delivering the skin pretreatment composition onto the area of skin;
- (b) a depilatory product comprising:
 - (i) a depilatory composition comprising a keratin degrading agent in an effective amount to chemically react with hair to allow wipe away removal; and
 - (ii) a carrier for delivering the depilatory composition onto the area of skin subsequent to delivery of the pretreatment composition;
- (c) instructions to apply the skin pretreatment product to an area of skin requiring removal of hair followed by an application of the depilatory product over the area of skin covered by the pretreatment product.

Claim 8 (original): The kit according to claim 7 wherein the carrier for delivering the skin pretreatment composition is a textile.

Claim 9 (original): The kit according to claim 8 wherein the textile is a glove.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The ~~kit~~method according to claim 7_1 wherein the depilatory and skin pretreatment compositions are applied from their respective carriers in weight ratios ranging from about 100:1 to about 1:100.

Claim 11 (new): The method according to claim 1 wherein the lipophilic materials are present in an amount from about 98% to 100% by weight of the pretreatment composition.

Claim 12 (new): The kit according to claim 7 wherein the lipophilic materials are present in an amount from about 98% to 100% by weight of the pretreatment composition.

Claim 13 (new): The kit according to claim 7 wherein the lipophilic materials are selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, natural or synthetic esters, silicones and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (new): The kit according to claim 7 wherein the lipophilic material is mineral oil.

Claim 15 (new): The kit according to claim 7 wherein the keratin degrading agent is a thioglycolate salt.

Claim 16 (new): The method according to claim 1 wherein the skin pretreatment composition consists essentially of from 90 to 100% of lipophilic materials by weight of the pretreatment composition, the lipophilic materials protecting skin from redness/erythema.

Claim 17 (new): The kit according to claim 7 wherein the lipophilic materials consists essentially of from 90 to 100% of lipophilic materials by weight of the pretreatment composition, the lipophilic materials protecting skin from redness/erythema.